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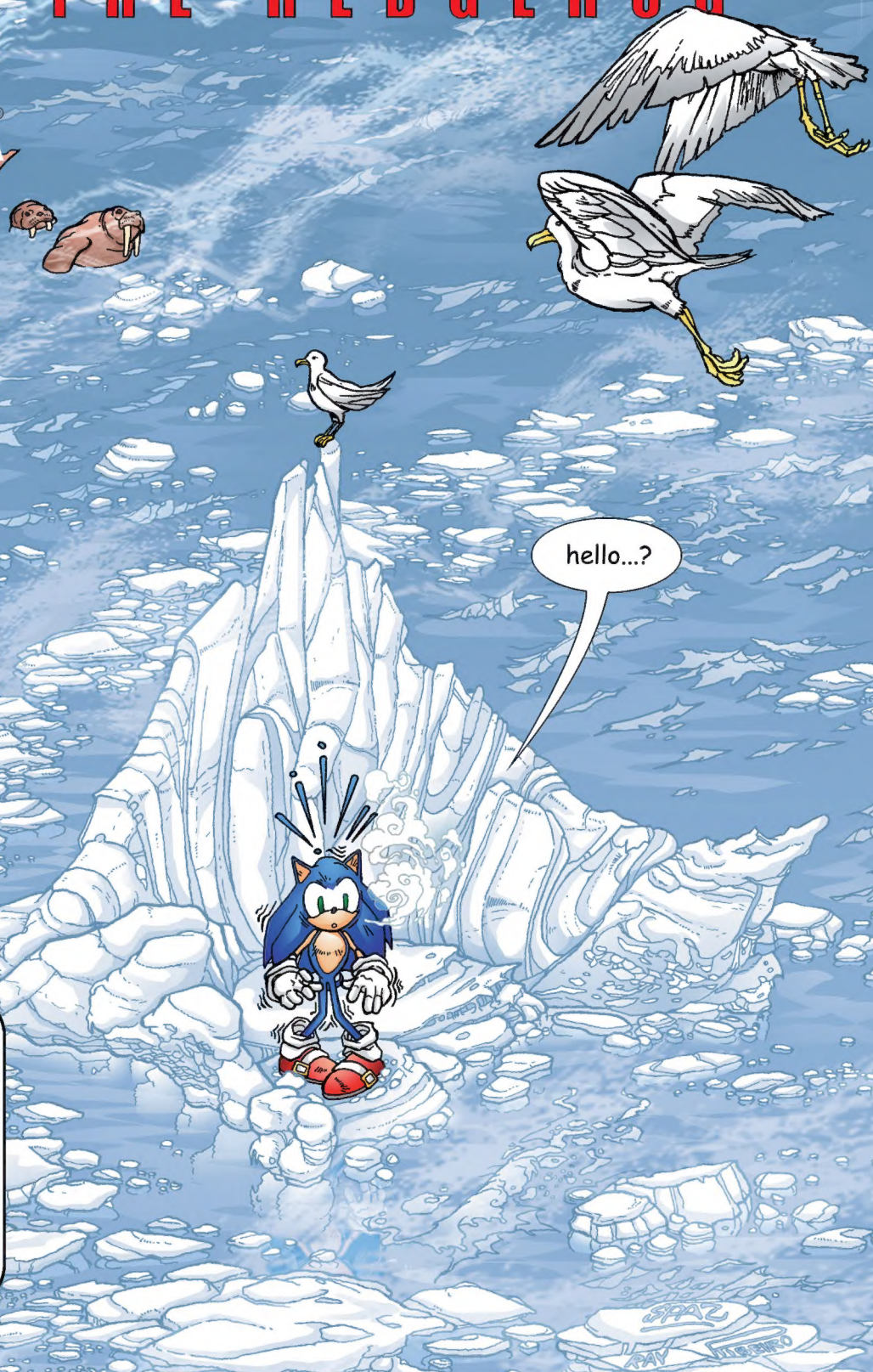
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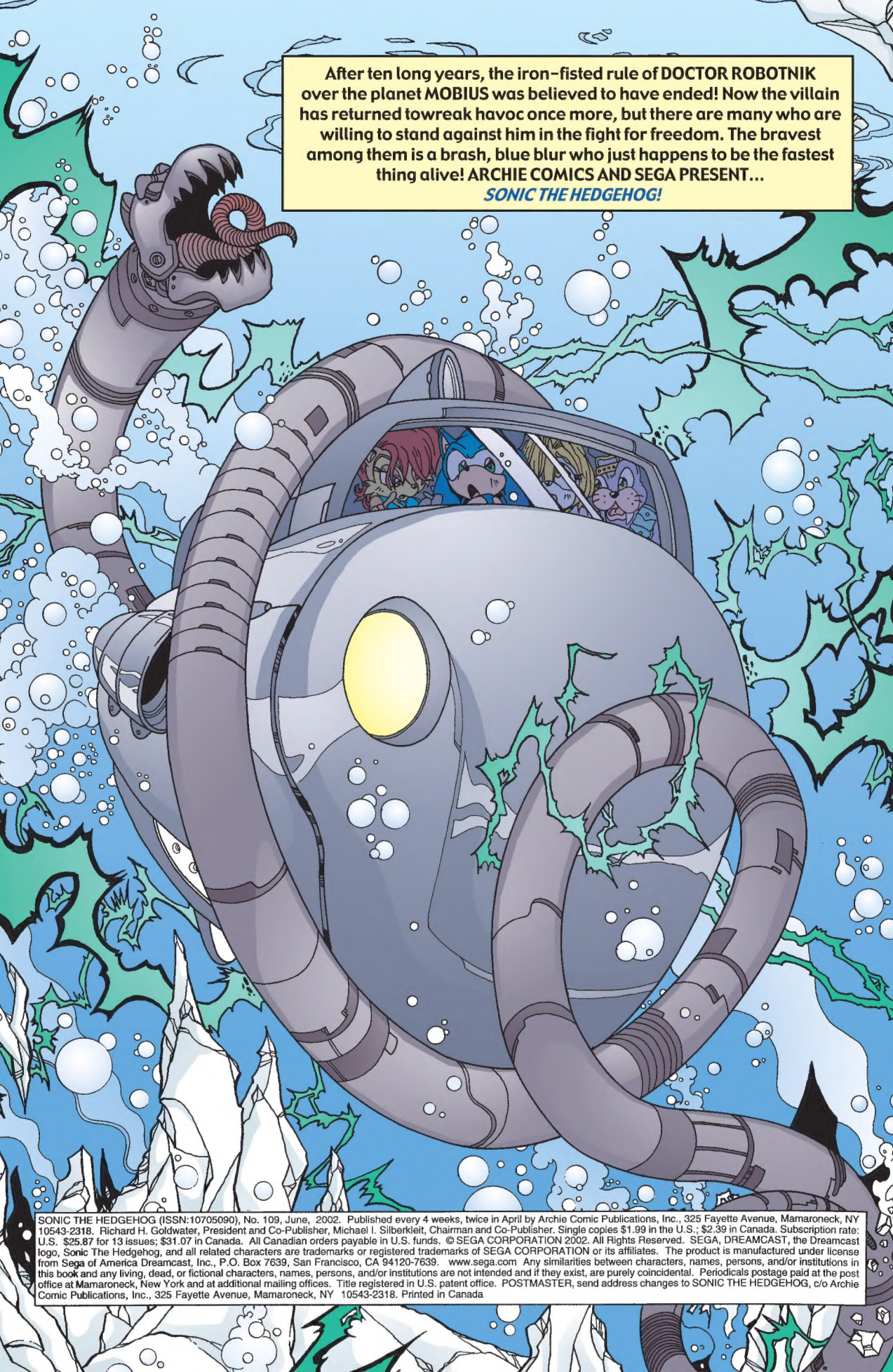
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After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over the planet MOBIUS was believed to have ended! Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue blur who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT...

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I HEARD IT THROUGH THE PIPELINE

PART 1

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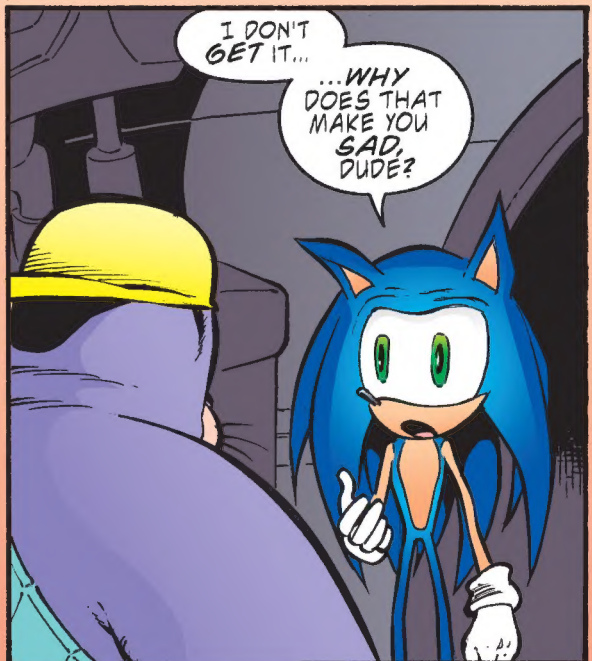
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YO, ROTOR
YOU LOOK WAY
BUMMED OUT,
OR MY NAME
ISN'T

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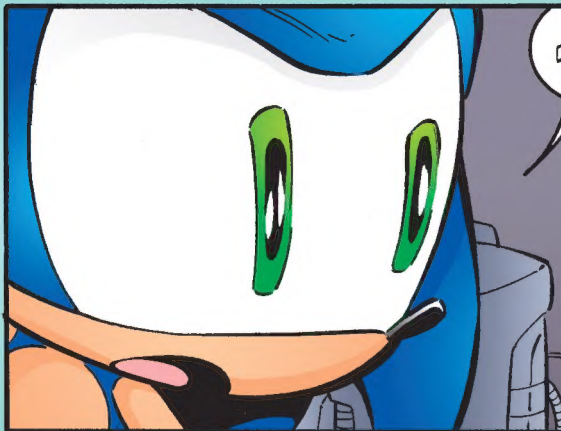


"MY MOM, ALONG WITH MY KID BROTHER SKEETER, AND MY ENTIRE HERD BACK HOME...*" 

*SEE SONIC 85 - ED.

...HAVE FALLEN UNDER DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S HYPNOTIC CONTROL!

NO PROB! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



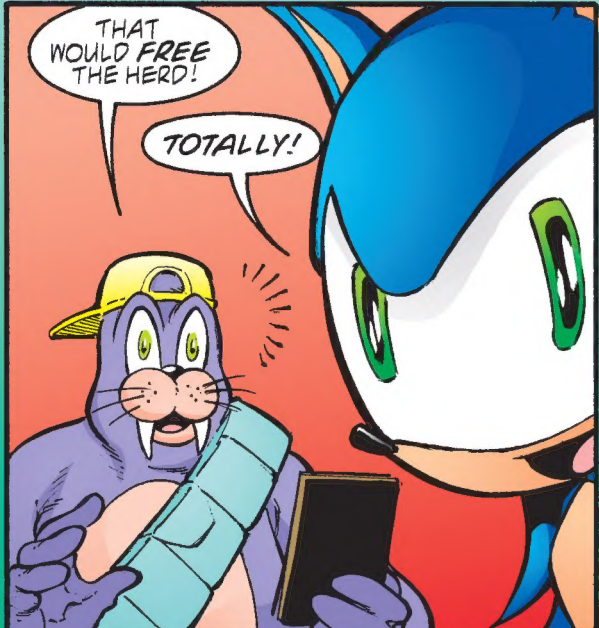
WHY DON'T WE--

--USE THE SWORD OF ACORNS' MYSTICAL STRENGTH TO REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF ROBOTNIK'S NEUTRON BOMB?



THAT WOULD FREE THE HERD!

TOTALLY!

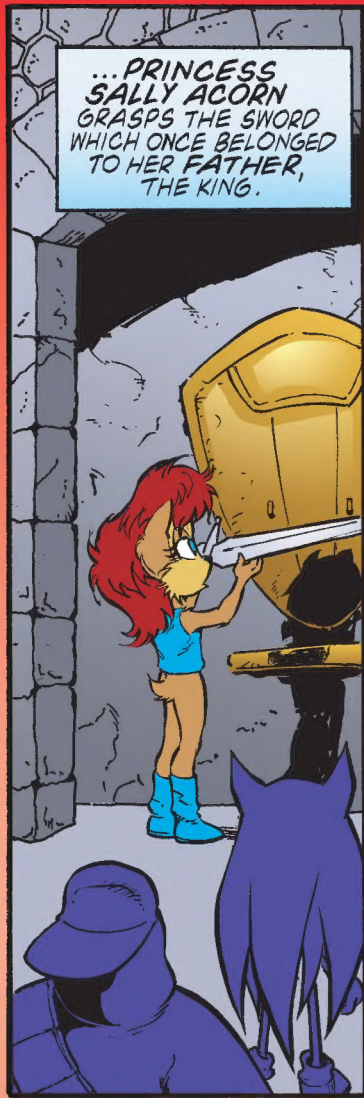


MINUTES LATER...

...INSIDE CASTLE ACORN...

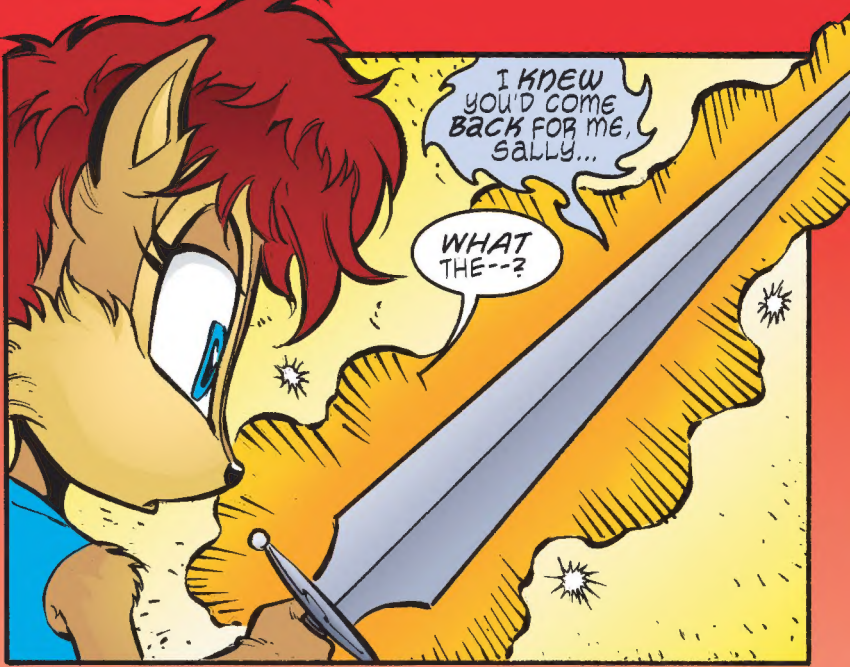


...PRINCESS SALLY ACORN GRASPS THE SWORD WHICH ONCE BELONGED TO HER FATHER, THE KING.



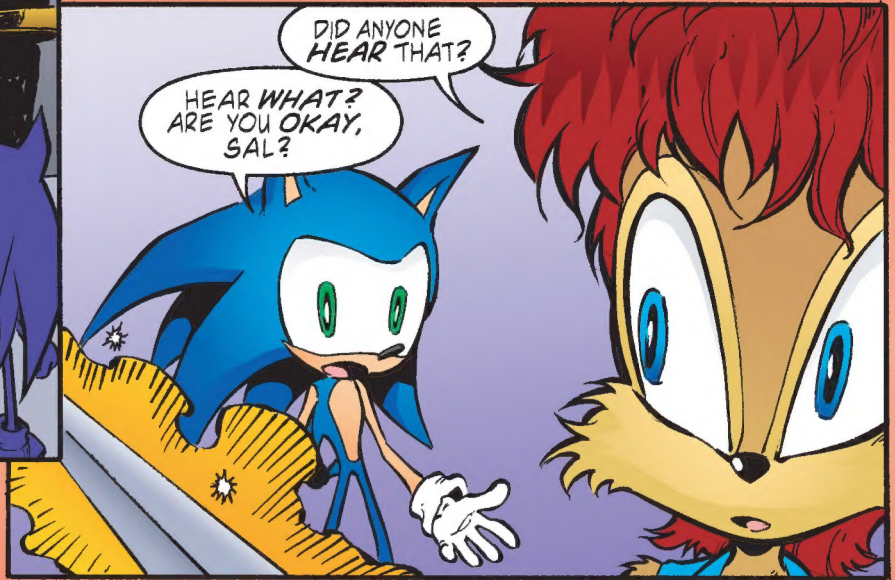
I KNEW YOU'D COME BACK FOR ME, SALLY...

WHAT THE--?



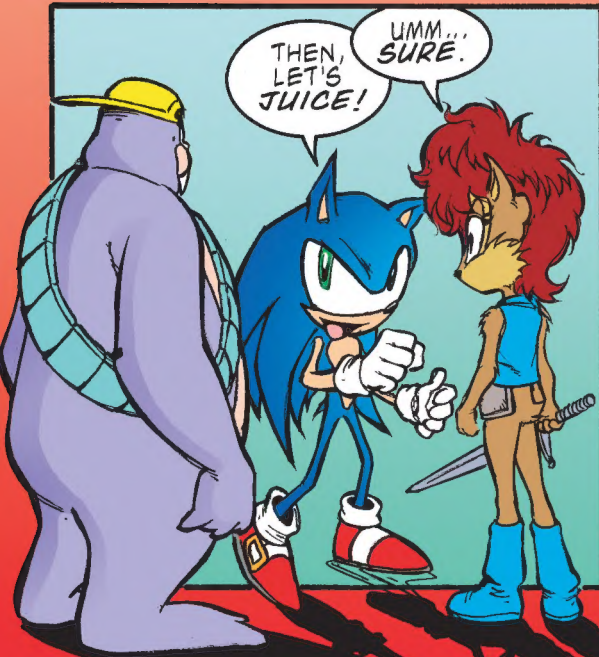
DID ANYONE HEAR THAT?

HEAR WHAT? ARE YOU OKAY, SAL?



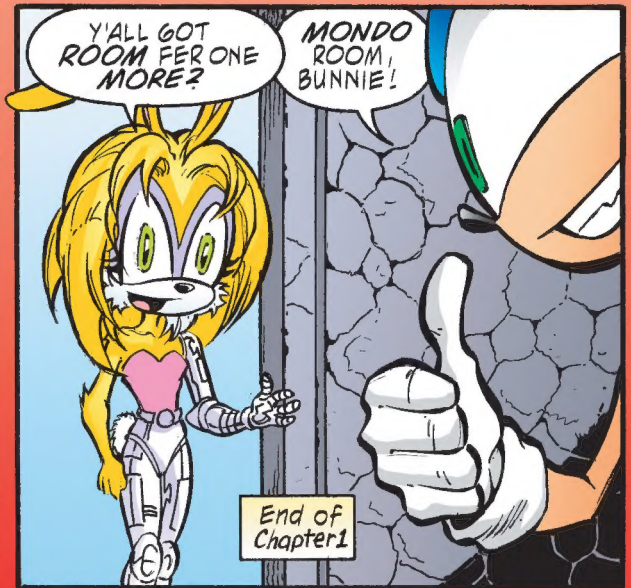
THEN, LET'S JUICE!

UMM... SURE!

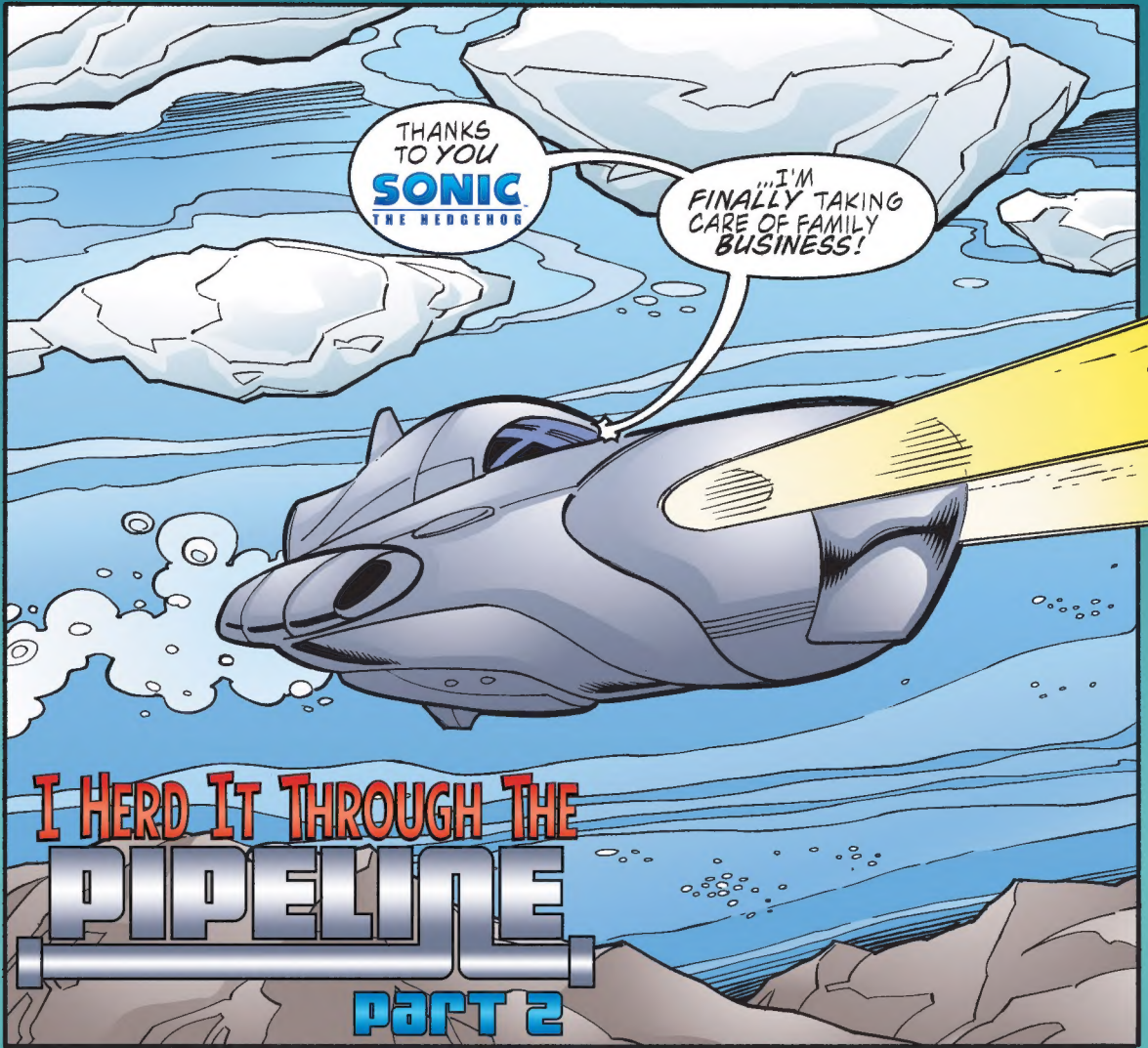


Y'ALL GOT ROOM FER ONE MORE?

MONDO ROOM, BUNNIE!



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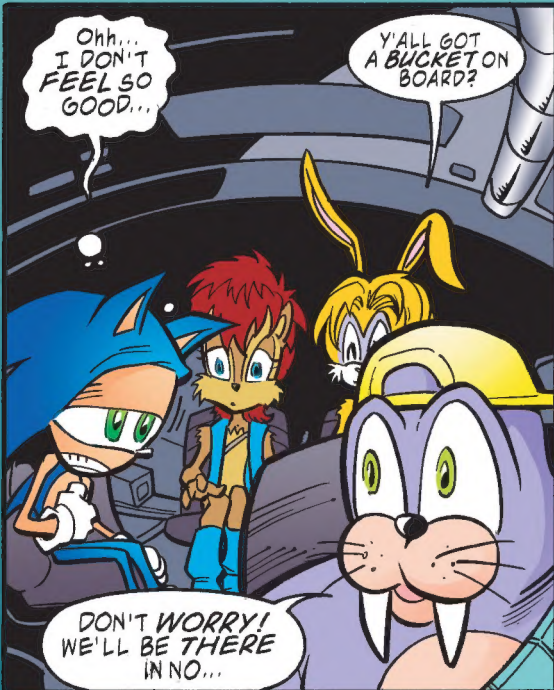


THANKS
TO YOU
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

...I'M
FINALLY TAKING
CARE OF FAMILY
BUSINESS!

I HERD IT THROUGH THE PIPELINE

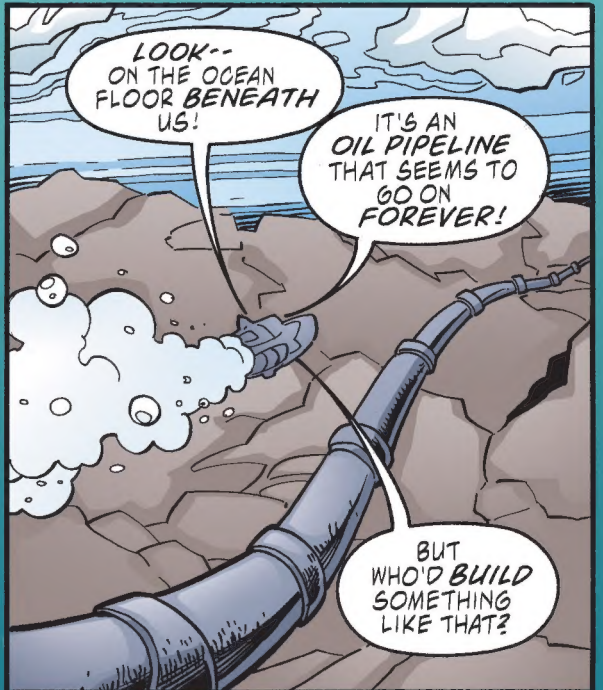
PART 2



Ohh...
I DON'T
FEEL SO
GOOD...

Y'ALL GOT
A BUCKET ON
BOARD?

DON'T WORRY!
WE'LL BE THERE
IN NO...



LOOK--
ON THE OCEAN
FLOOR BENEATH
US!

IT'S AN
OIL PIPELINE
THAT SEEMS TO
GO ON
FOREVER!

BUT
WHO'D BUILD
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT?

AT THAT VERY MOMENT IN ROBOTROPOLIS...

WHY DOES THAT BLASTED HEDGEHOG AND HIS GOODY-GOODY FRIENDS ALWAYS SEE FIT TO MEDDLE IN MY AFFAIRS, SNIVELY?

WELL, SIR, I--

BAH!

SKRASH

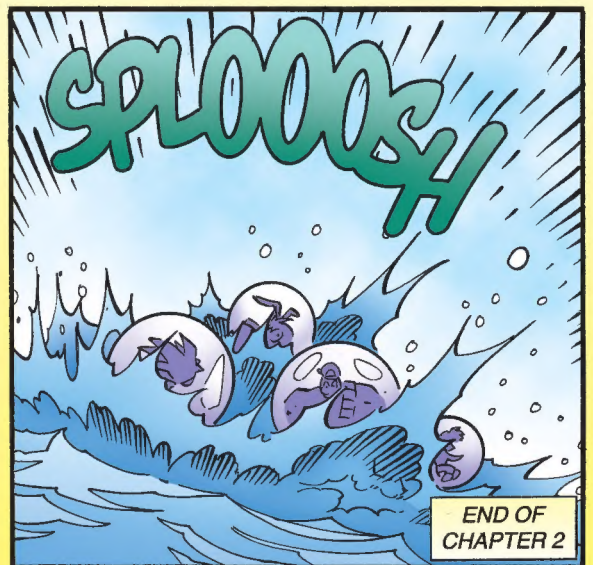
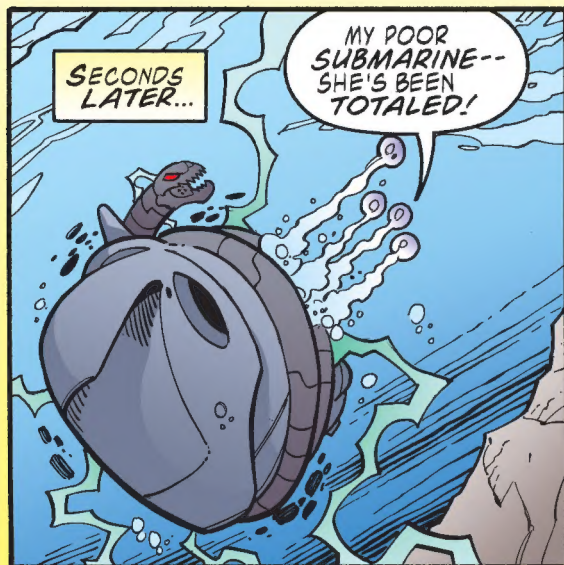
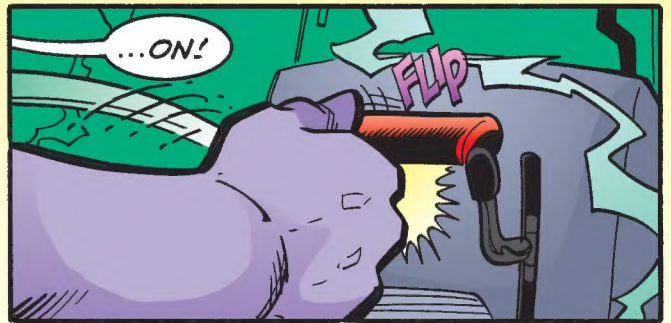
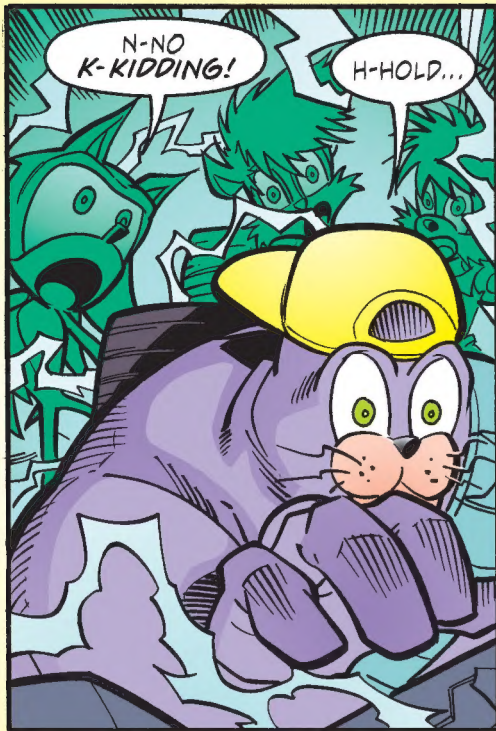
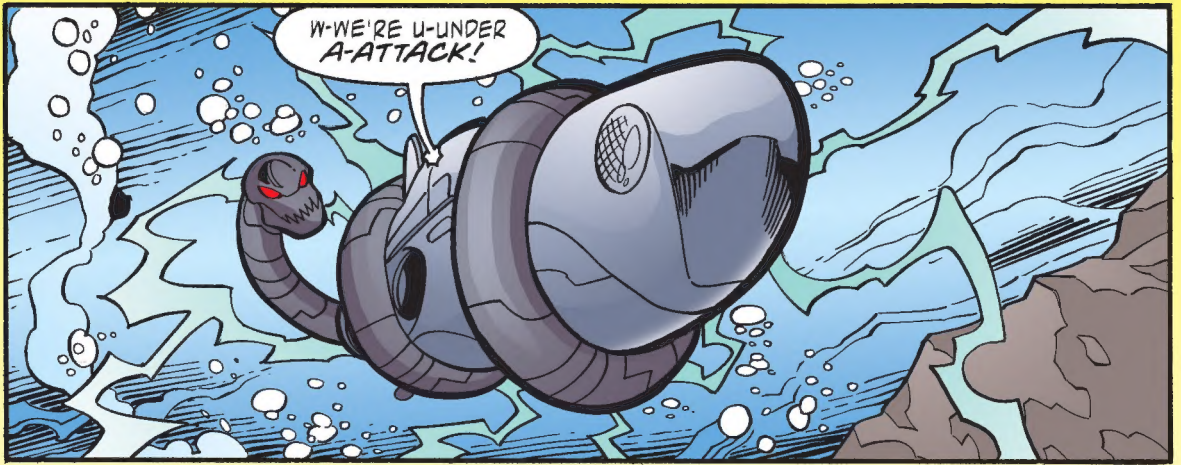
SNIVELY...ACTIVATE THE "SEA"CRETE WEAPON!

YES, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

WOW! IT'S MILES LONG!

YEEEOWWWTCH!

F-ZAAAAPT



I HERD IT THROUGH THE PIPELINE

PART 3

HURRY UP AND FINISH BUILDING MY OIL WELL YOU LOLLY-GAGGERS!

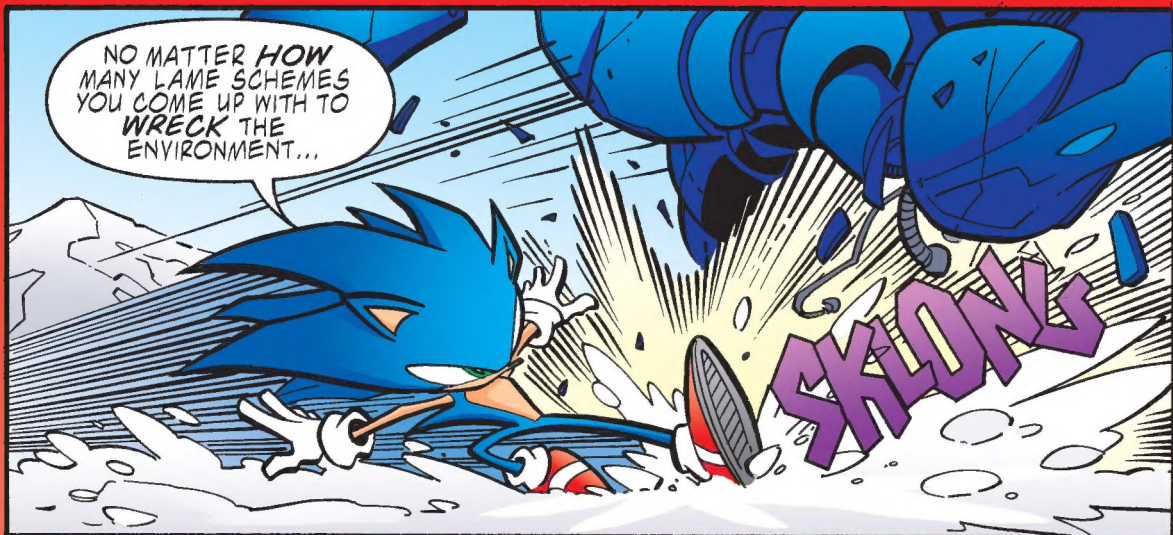
WHY AM I PAYING YOU?
(OH WAIT-- I'M NOT!)

LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR **SONIC**
THE HEDGEHOG AND FRIENDS!

YOUR HYPNOTIZED HERD IS DOING ROBOTNIK'S DIRTY WORK, ROTE!

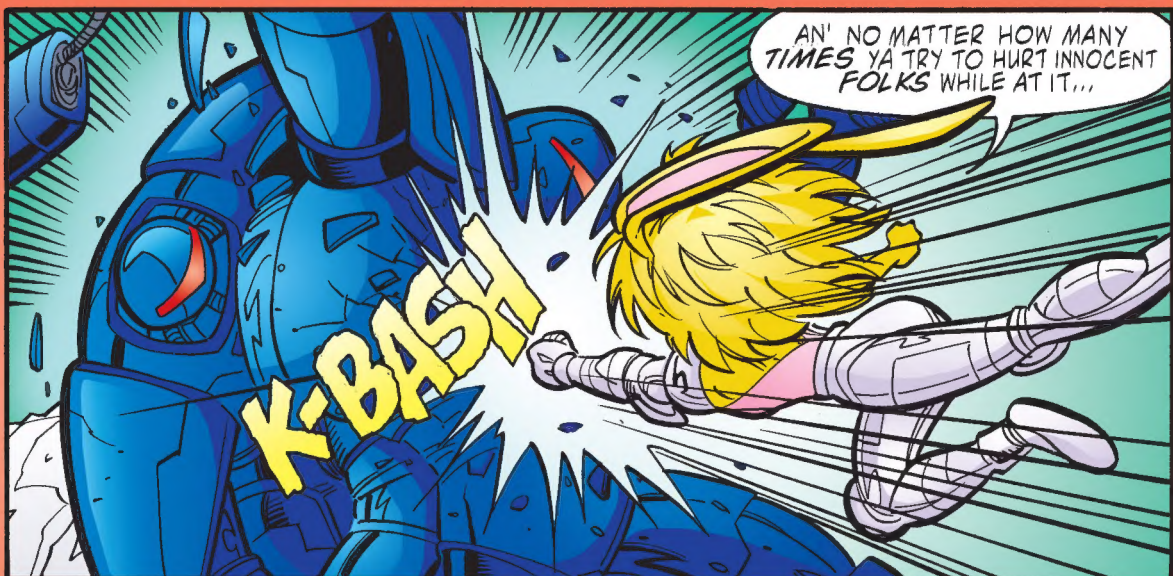
WITH THAT WRETCHED RODENT OUT OF THE WAY I'LL--

OUT OF THE WAY? GET REAL RO"BU"TT"NIK!



NO MATTER HOW MANY LAME SCHEMES YOU COME UP WITH TO WRECK THE ENVIRONMENT...

SKLONK!



AN' NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YA TRY TO HURT INNOCENT FOLKS WHILE AT IT...

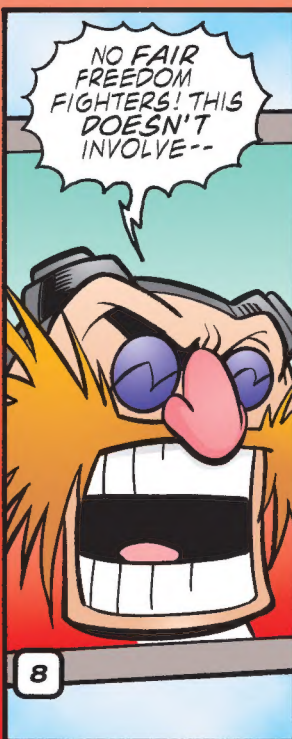
K-BASH!



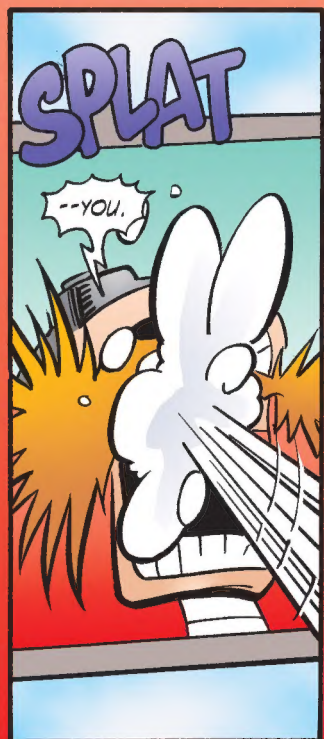
WE'LL KEEP FIGHTING!

SAL! ROTOR! QUICK, WHILE BUNNIE AND I'VE GOT THESE ICE-BOTS ON THE ROPES!

RIGHT!

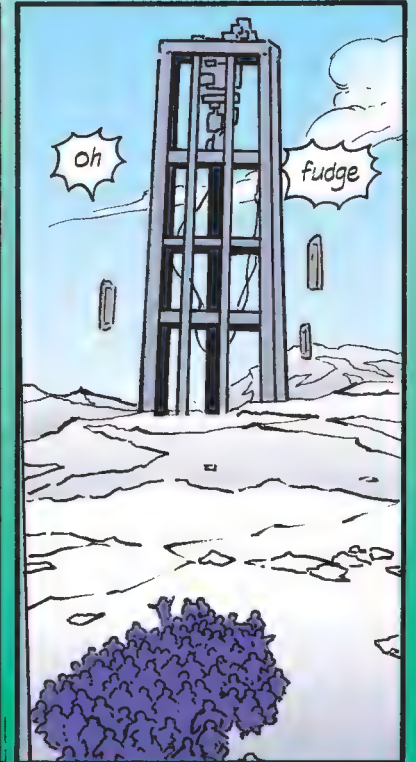
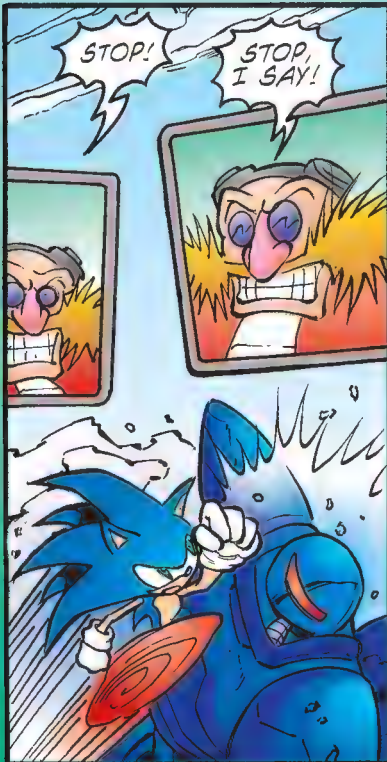
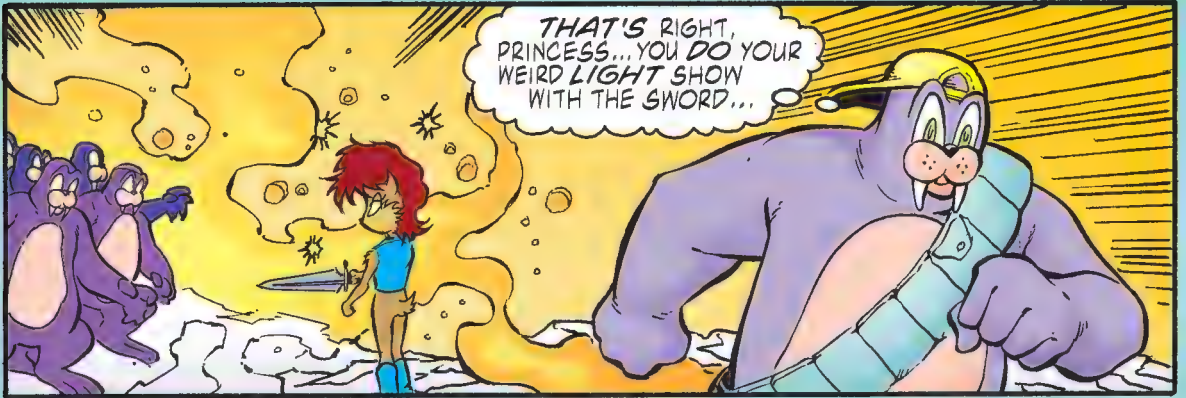
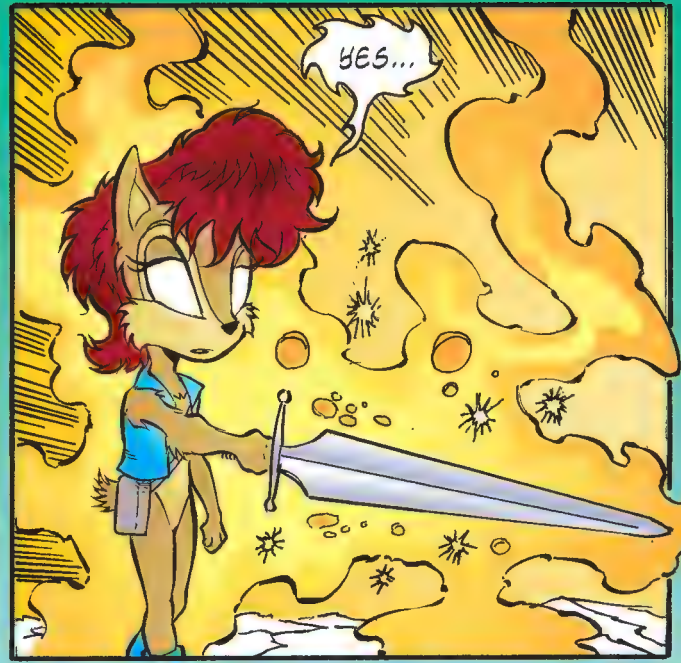


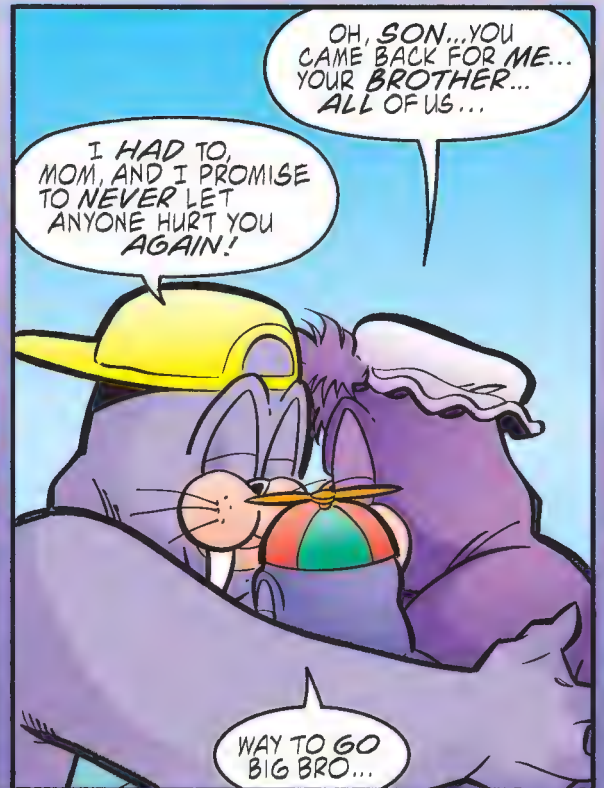
NO FAIR FREEDOM FIGHTERS! THIS DOESN'T INVOLVE--

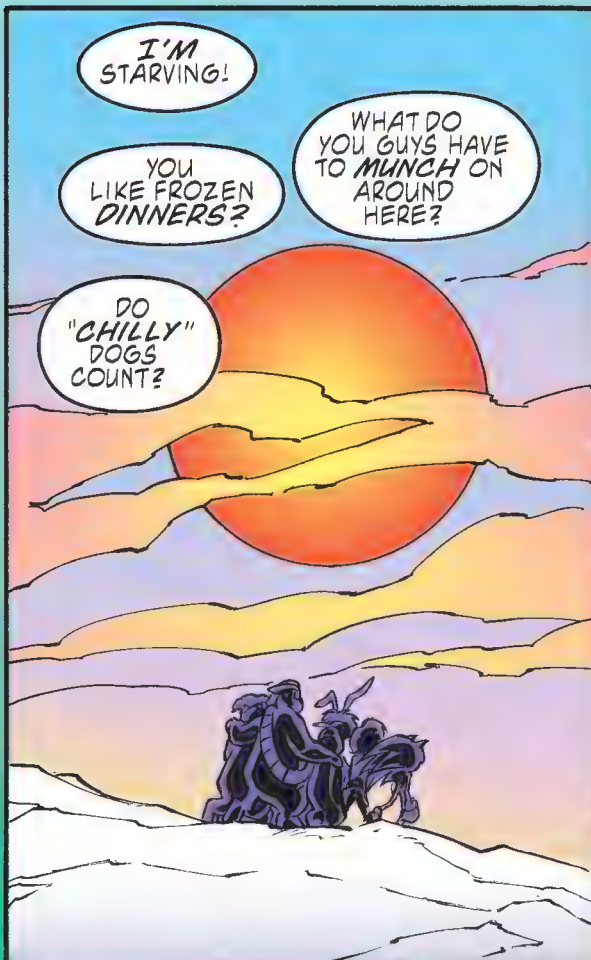
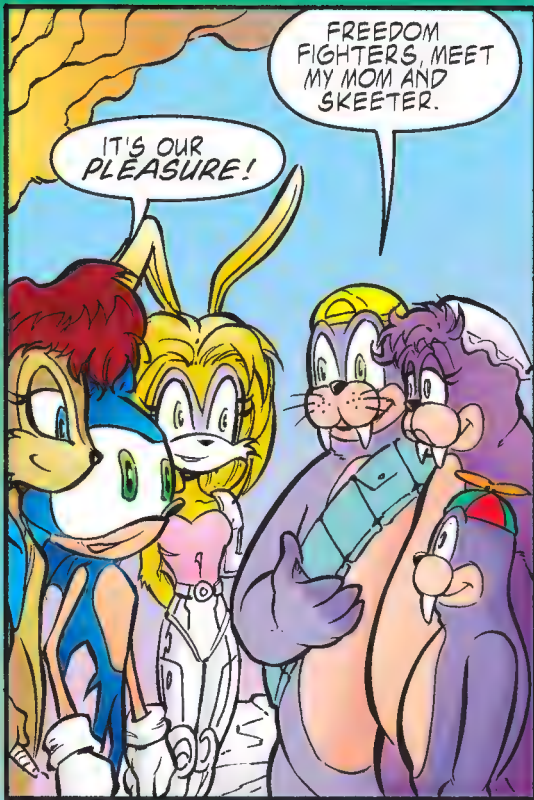


SPLAT

--YOU.



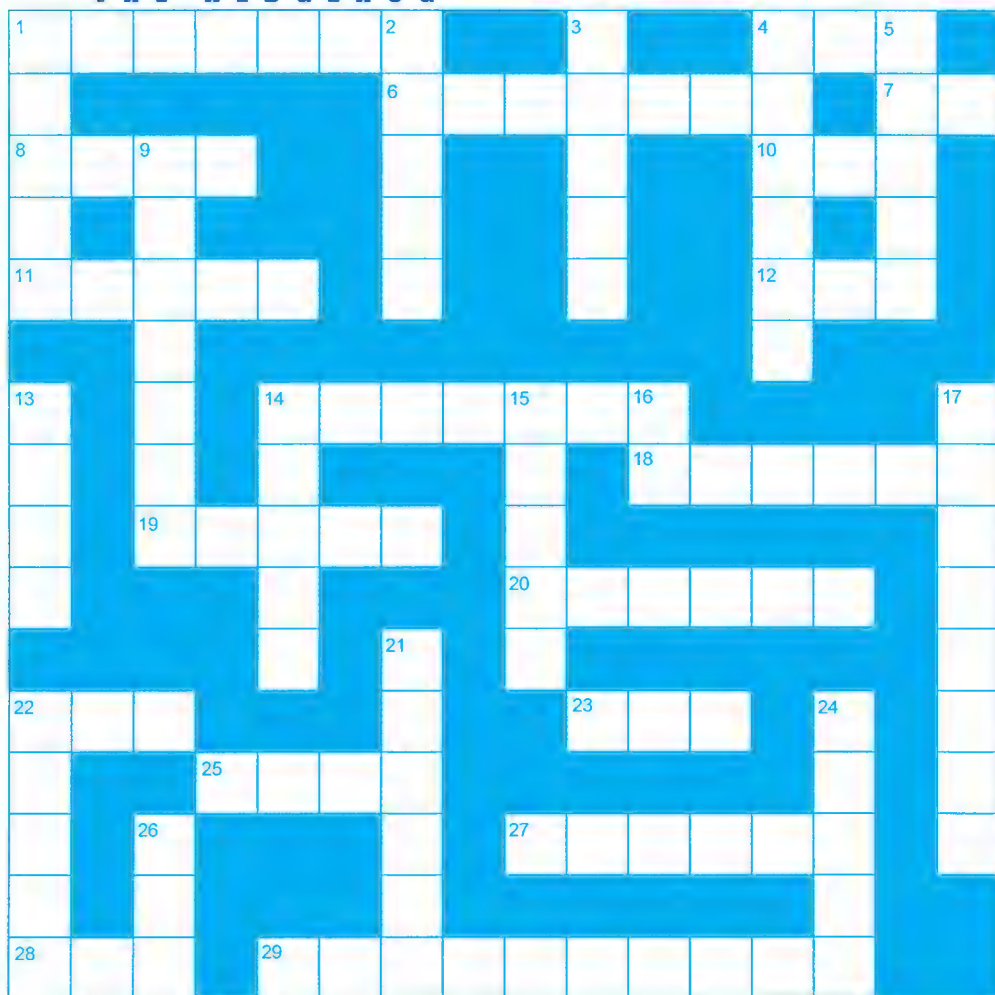




SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. Robotnik's nephew
4. Charmy _____
6. Bunnie's significant other
7. Julie-_____
8. _____ the Weasel
10. Vector loves to _____.
11. _____ emerald
12. Dr. _____ Robotnik
14. Edmund's brother
18. Geoffrey _____.
19. Princess _____
20. The Dark _____
22. Renfield the _____
23. _____ Rose
25. Vector is one
27. Bunnie _____
28. The Death _____ Saga
29. Mobian human

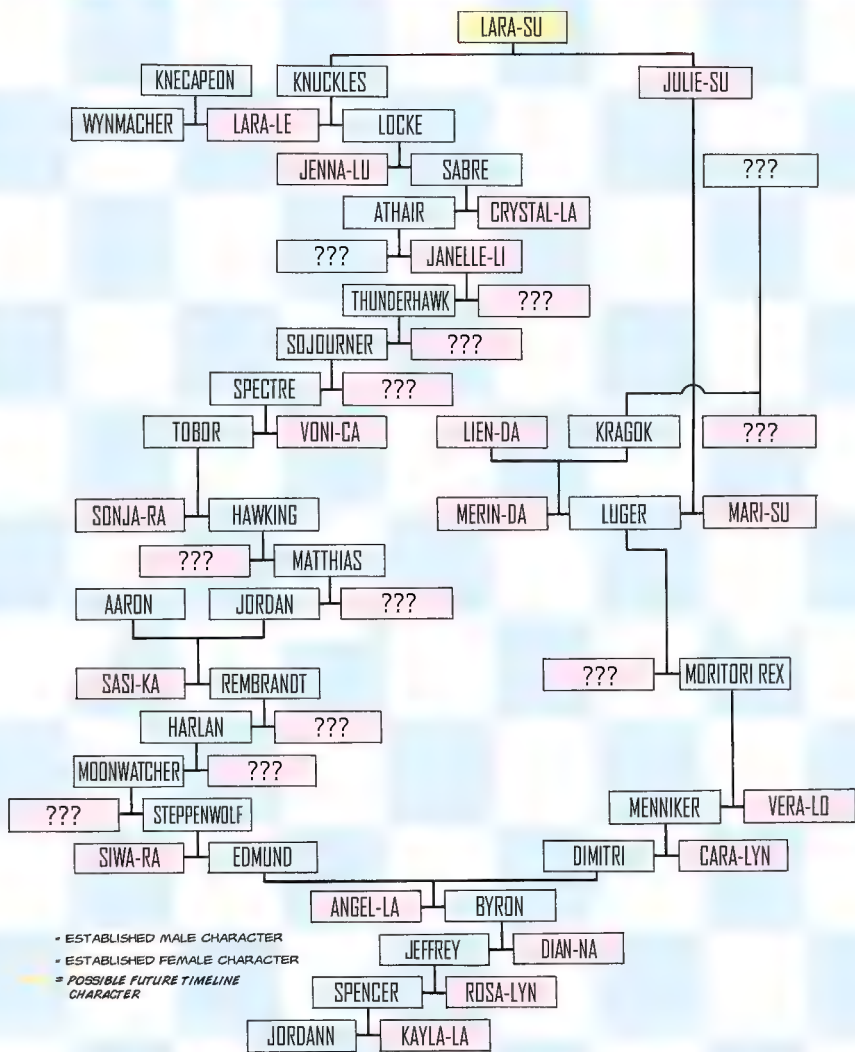
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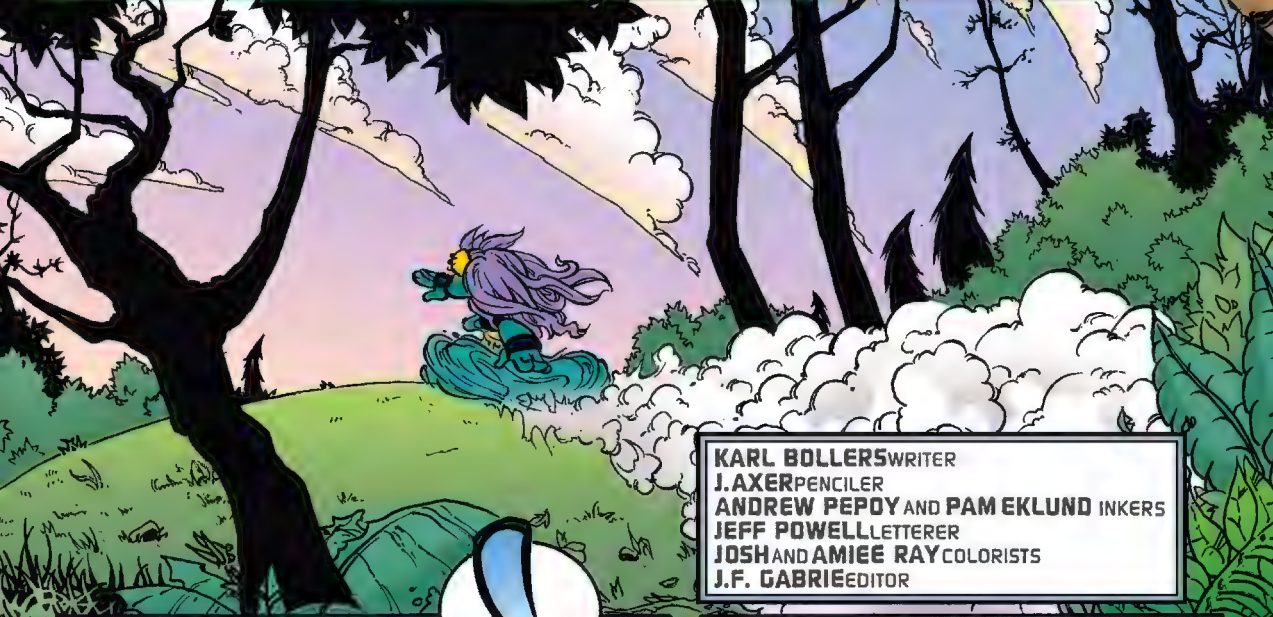
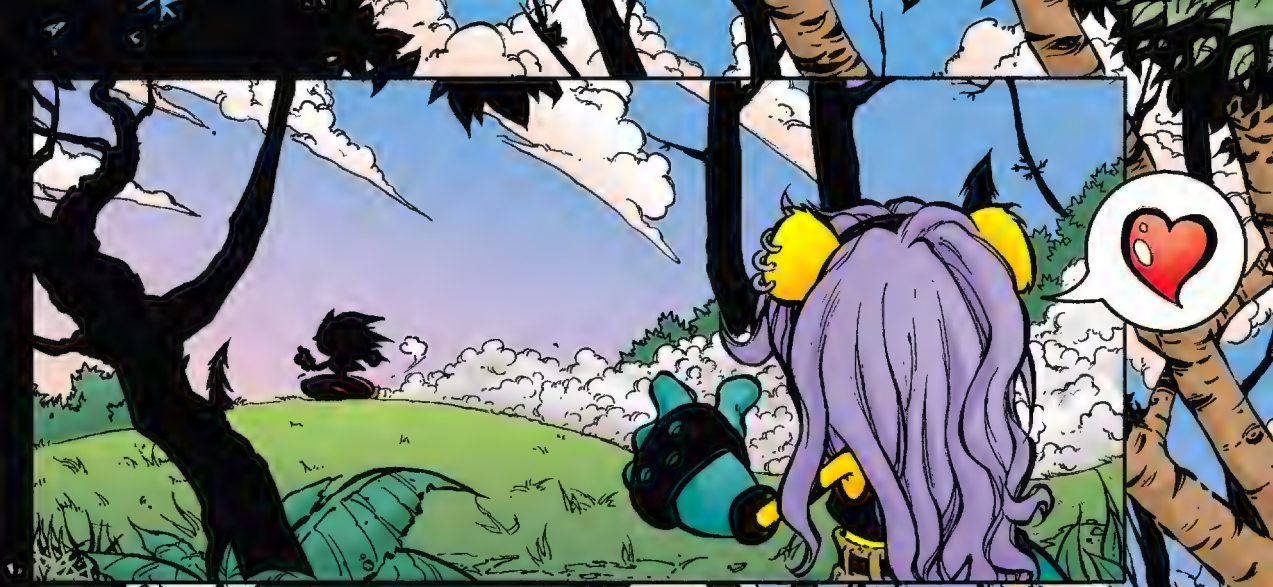
2. Athair's replacement
3. Zone cop
4. Sonic's mother
5. _____ the chameleon
9. Sir _____ Hedgehog
13. She led the wolfpack
14. _____ the dragon
15. Sonic's best friend
16. The Floating _____ (abbrev.)
17. _____ the echidna
21. Sally's hand-held friend
22. Sally's nanny
24. _____ the walrus
26. _____ the cat

BET I
CAN FINISH
FIRST!

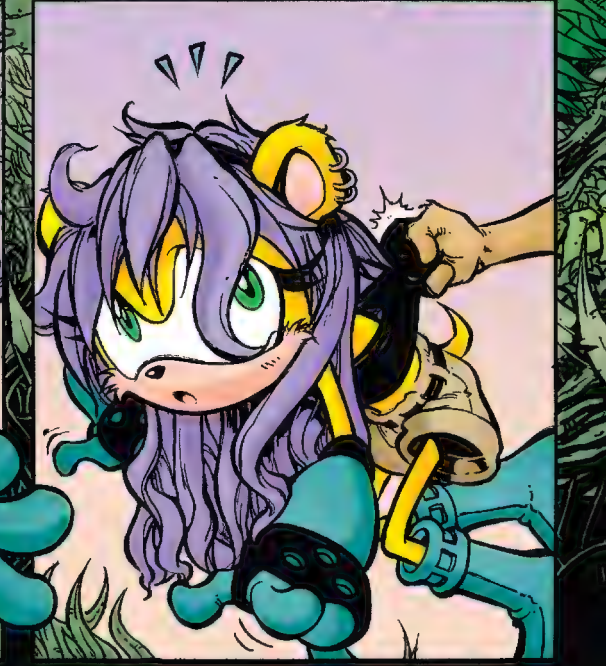
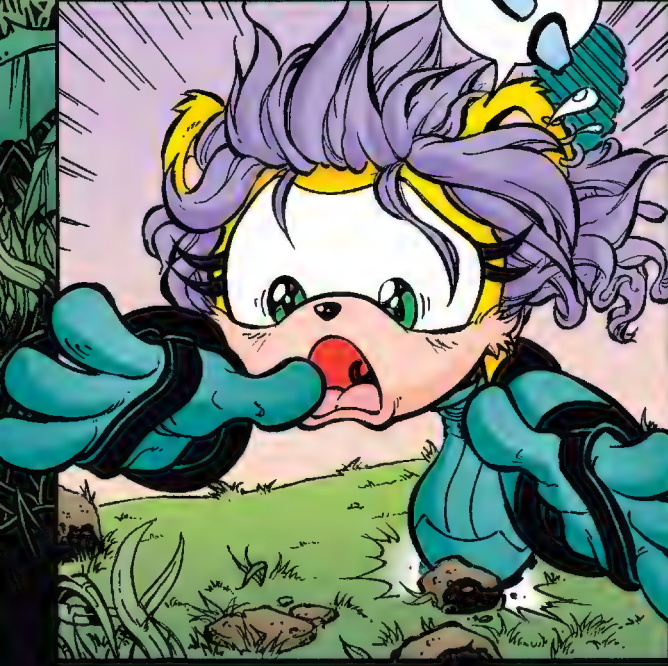


THE BROTHERHOOD OF GUARDIANS





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mina the mongoose & Princess Sally "THE CRUSH!"


PRINCESS?!

BE CAREFUL, MINA--KEEPING UP WITH SONIC ISN'T EASY!

I TRY TO GET HIS ATTENTION, BUT IT'S NO USE.

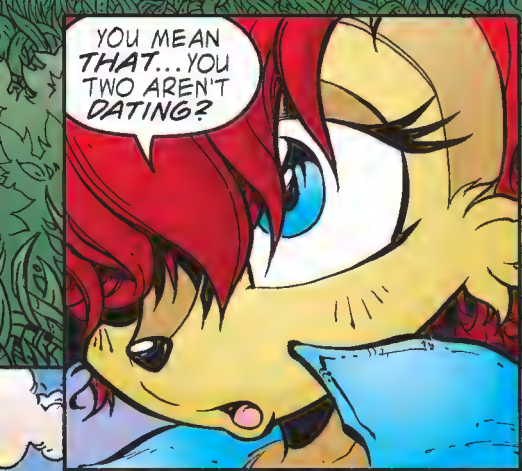
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU SAID IT!




I EVEN KISSED HIM, BUT HE SEEMED MORE SURPRISED THAN PLEASSED!*

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YOU MEAN THAT... YOU TWO AREN'T DATING?



AS IF! I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH HIS SPEED OR HIS RUDE-BOY ATTITUDE!



YOU'VE KNOWN SONIC LONGER THAN ANYONE, PRINCESS. WHAT MAKES HIM TICK?

WELL...

"...EVEN THOUGH HE TRIES TO MAINTAIN A CERTAIN LEVEL OF 'COOL'..."

"...AT HEART HE'S A LOVABLE 'GOOF' WHO LOVES HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS DEARLY."

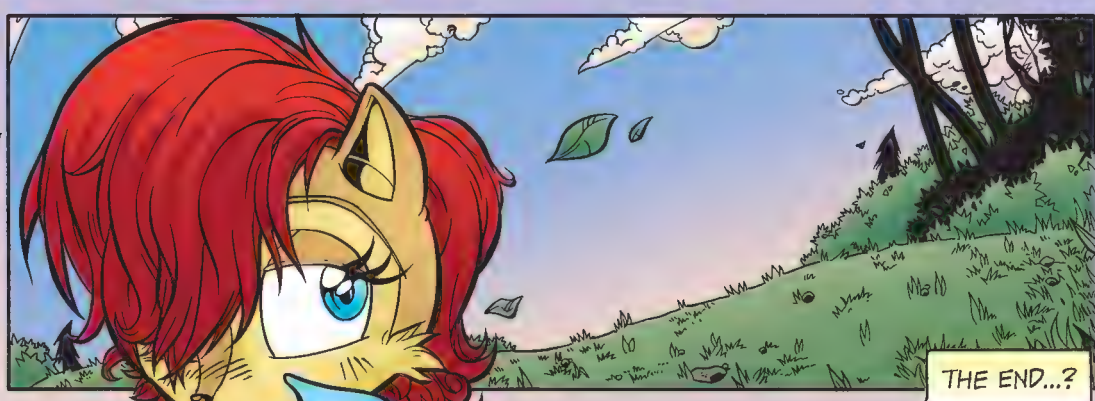
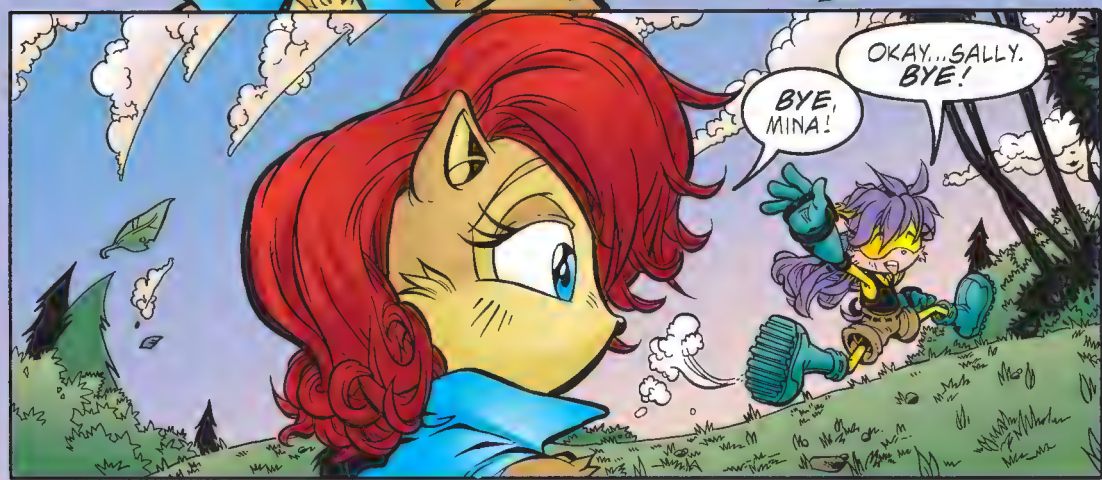
"YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON HIM TO COME THROUGH IN A TIGHT SPOT..."

"...HE'S ALL FOR SPEAKING HIS MIND AND STANDING UP FOR WHAT HE BELIEVES IN..."

"...AND, WELL, HE REALLY CARES."



...BUT, I'VE NEVER STOPPED TRYING...



THE END...?

FREEZE FRAME A
MOMENT IN TIME AS

KNUCKLES™ THE ECHIDNA

OH NO!
YOU
WON'T KILL
HIM THIS TIME,
REMINGTON!

HURTLES HIS BODY
BETWEEN *ONCOMING*
DEATH AND ITS INTENDED
TARGET, THE LEGENDARY
DIMITRI, LEADER OF THE
DARK LEGION, WHO ONLY
MOMENTS BEFORE HAD
BEEN ADDRESSING THE
HIGH COUNCILORS IN
THIS VERY CHAMBER --

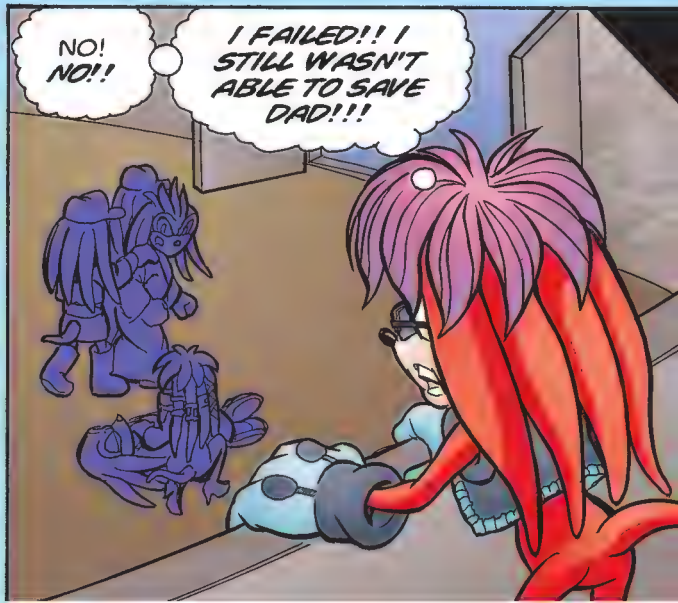
-- BEFORE ONE OF THEM
DECIDED ON THEIR OWN
TO RESPOND IN SUCH A
DRASTIC MANNER!

REUNIFICATION THE CONCLUSION

AND IF YOU NEED ANYMORE TO GO ON --

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-- WILL FILL IN THE BLANKS AS ANOTHER CHAPTER OF EVERYONE'S FAVORITE ECHIDNA NOW UNFOLDS!





THEN THE **CONSTABLE** WASN'T THE ONE, AFTER ALL!

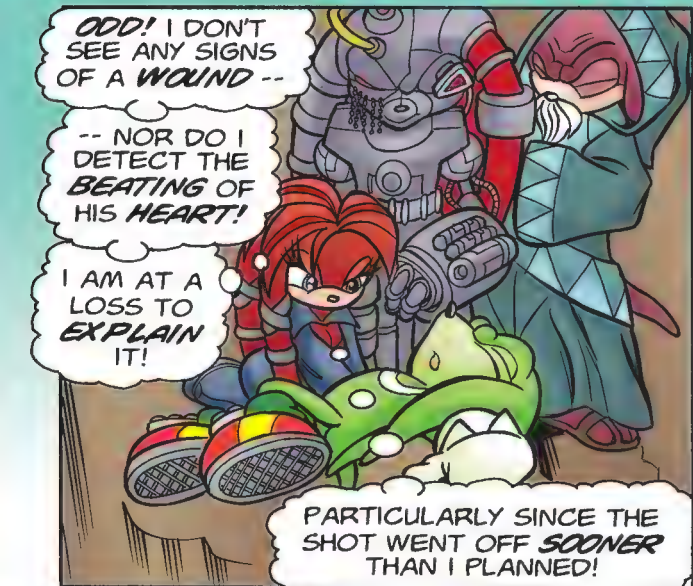
WHERE DID I GET IT **WRONG?**

PROBABLY BY NOT LEAVING THIS TO THE **PROFESSIONALS**, JANI-CA!



SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE A **LOT** TO TELL -- WHICH I WILL BE **VERY** INTERESTED IN HEARING --

-- **LATER!** RIGHT NOW I HAVE A **JOB** TO DO!



ODD! I DON'T SEE ANY SIGNS OF A **WOUND** --

-- NOR DO I DETECT THE **BEATING** OF HIS **HEART!**

I AM AT A **LOSS** TO **EXPLAIN** IT!

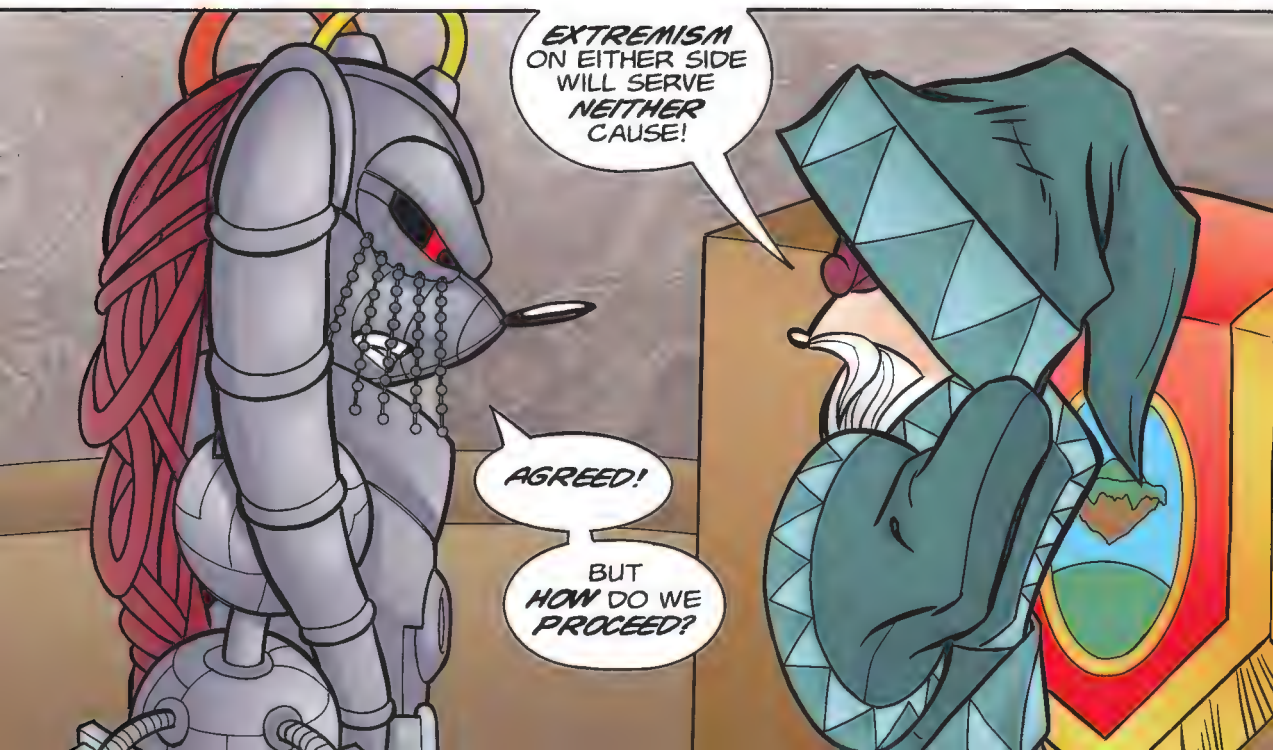
PARTICULARLY SINCE THE **SHOT** WENT OFF **SOONER** THAN I **PLANNED!**



THAT SHOULD BE ME LYING THERE!

AND TO THINK IT WAS **HIM** WHO **SAVED** ME!

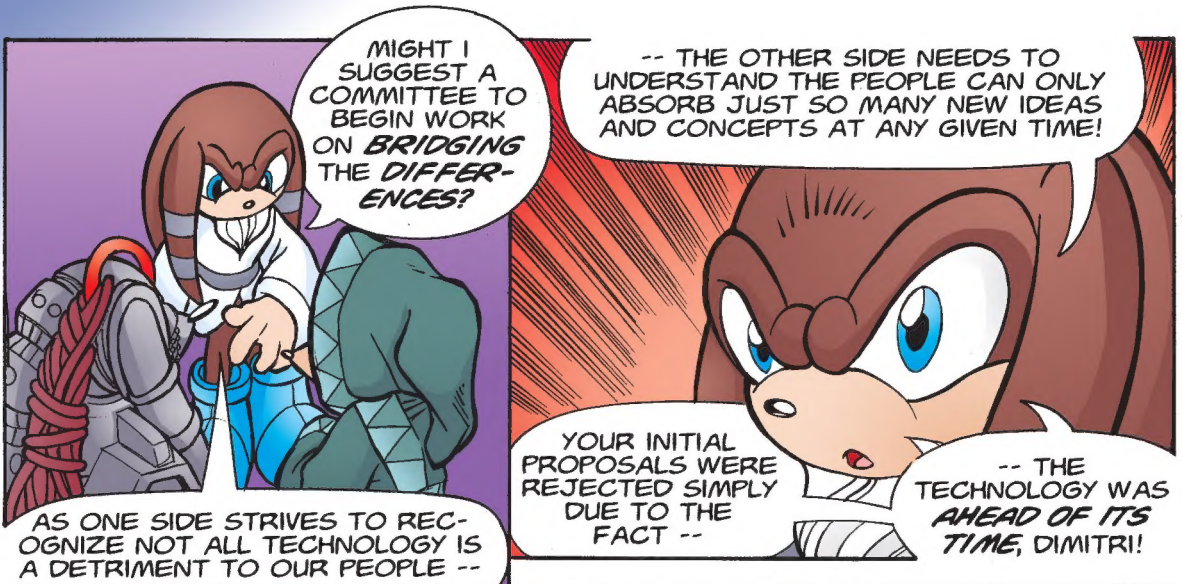
IT IS EQUALLY **TROUBLING** TO ACCEPT THAT ONE OF MY OWN **CONGREGANTS** FIRED THE **SHOT!**



EXTREMISM ON EITHER SIDE WILL SERVE **NEITHER** CAUSE!

AGREED!

BUT **HOW** DO WE **PROCEED?**



MIGHT I SUGGEST A COMMITTEE TO BEGIN WORK ON *BRIDGING THE DIFFERENCES?*

-- THE OTHER SIDE NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND THE PEOPLE CAN ONLY ABSORB JUST SO MANY NEW IDEAS AND CONCEPTS AT ANY GIVEN TIME!

AS ONE SIDE STRIVES TO RECOGNIZE NOT ALL TECHNOLOGY IS A DETRIMENT TO OUR PEOPLE --

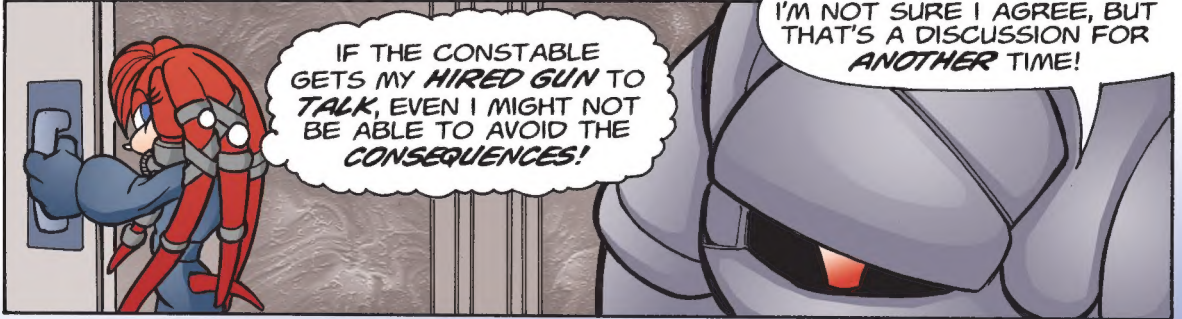
YOUR INITIAL PROPOSALS WERE REJECTED SIMPLY DUE TO THE FACT --

-- THE TECHNOLOGY WAS *AHEAD OF ITS TIME*, DIMITRI!



IF YOU HAD GIVEN OTHERS A CHANCE TO STUDY YOUR METHODS FIRST, ALL THIS MAY HAVE BEEN *AVOIDED!*

WELL, I CAN'T WAIT IF I HOPE TO *SALVAGE* ANYTHING FROM THIS *MESS!*



IF THE CONSTABLE GETS MY *HIRED GUN* TO TALK, EVEN I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO AVOID THE *CONSEQUENCES!*

I'M NOT SURE I AGREE, BUT THAT'S A DISCUSSION FOR *ANOTHER TIME!*

CUT TO JUST OUTSIDE THE BUILDING WHERE WE FIND *LARA-SU...*

HOW COULD I *MESS* UP SO *BAD?* IF *DAD* WASN'T KILLED BY THE CONSTABLE LIKE *MOM* TOLD ME --

-- THEN WHAT *REALLY* HAPPENED? MAYBE *MOM* HAS *MORE* TO SAY THAN SHE TOLD ME!



SPEAKING OF WHICH --



WHAT AM I SAYING?!!

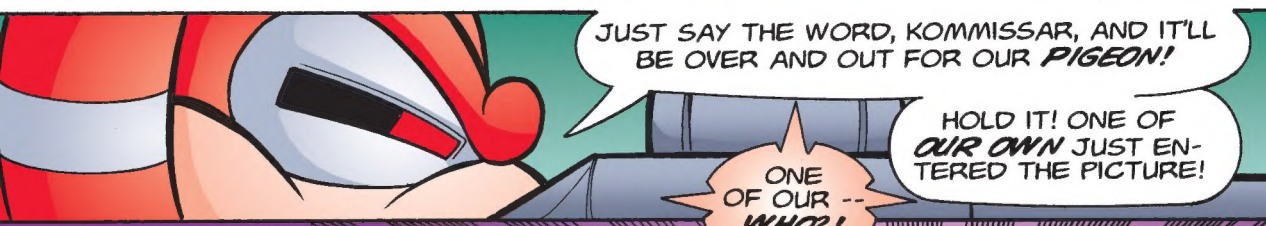
SHE'S NOT MY MOM -- AT LEAST NOT YET!!



ARE YOU IN POSITION, SYNTAR?

TIME TRAVEL CAN REALLY WEIRD ONE OUT!

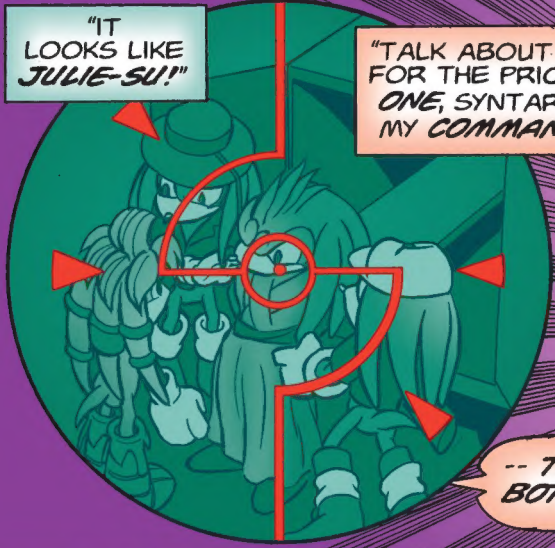
SAAAY -- WHAT'S GOING ON WITH HER?



JUST SAY THE WORD, KOMMISSAR, AND IT'LL BE OVER AND OUT FOR OUR PIGEON!

HOLD IT! ONE OF OUR OWN JUST ENTERED THE PICTURE!

ONE OF OUR WHO?!



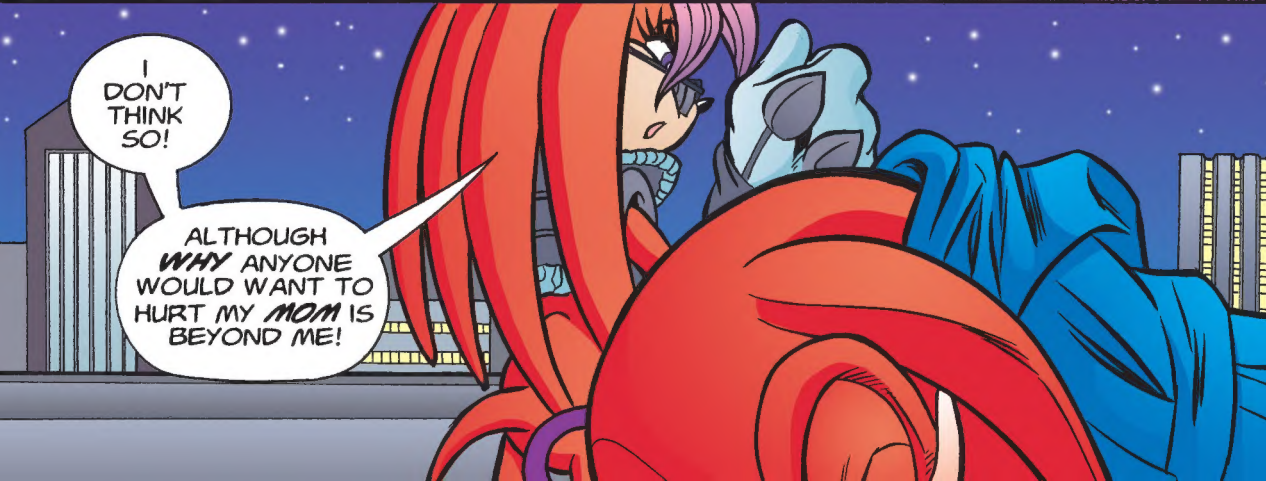
"IT LOOKS LIKE JULIE-SU!"

"TALK ABOUT TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE, SYNTAR! ON MY COMMAND --



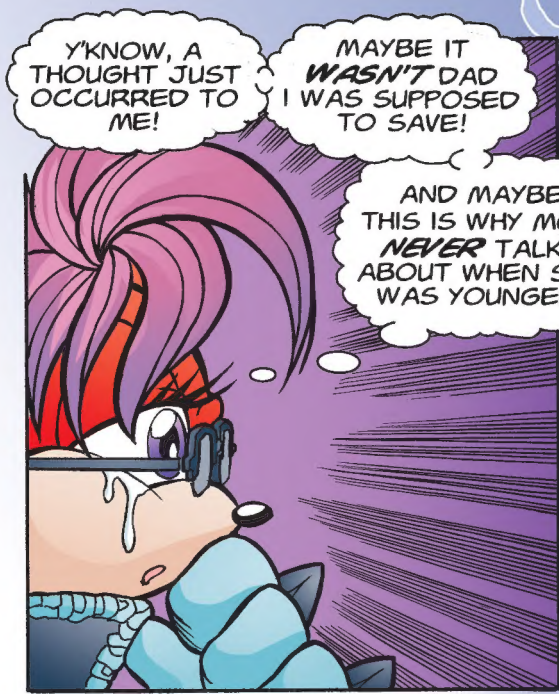
WHAAAM!

-- TAKE THEM BOTH DOWN!!



I DON'T THINK SO!

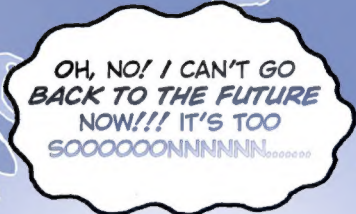
ALTHOUGH WHY ANYONE WOULD WANT TO HURT MY MOM IS BEYOND ME!



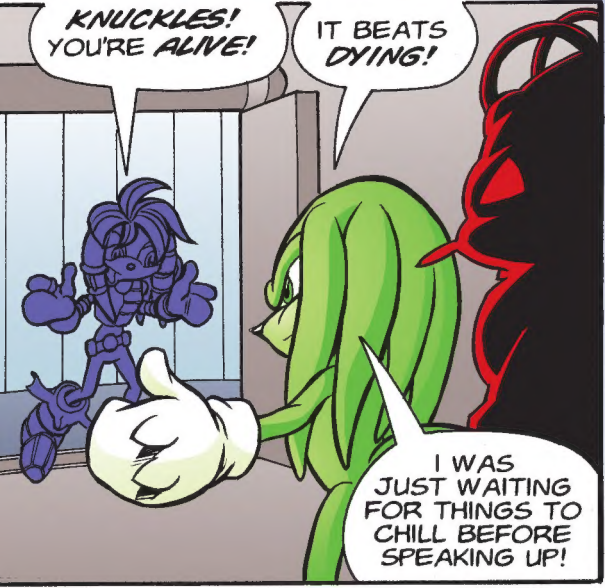
Y'KNOW, A THOUGHT JUST OCCURRED TO ME!

MAYBE IT *WASN'T* DAD I WAS SUPPOSED TO SAVE!

AND MAYBE THIS IS WHY MOM *NEVER* TALKS ABOUT WHEN SHE WAS YOUNGER!



OH, NO! I CAN'T GO BACK TO THE FUTURE NOW!!! IT'S TOO SOOOOOONNNNNNN



KNUCKLES! YOU'RE ALIVE!

IT BEATS DYING!

I WAS JUST WAITING FOR THINGS TO CHILL BEFORE SPEAKING UP!



YOU MEAN YOU WERE *PRETENDING* ALL THIS TIME YOU WERE DEAD?

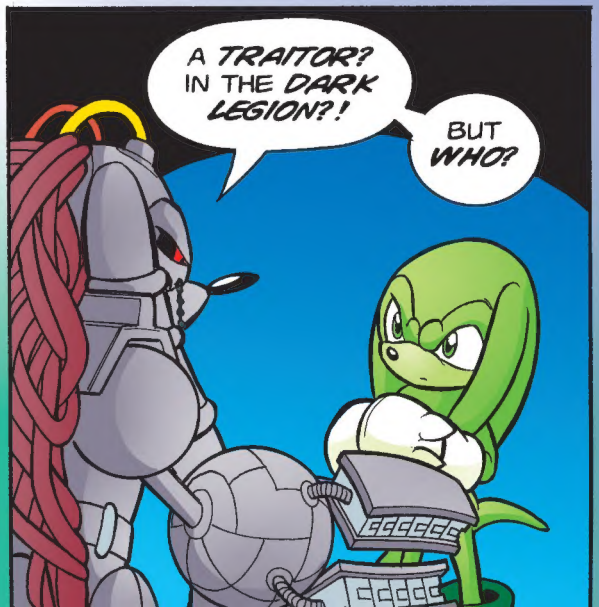
BUT WHY?

YOU'RE A TOUGH NUT TO CRACK --

-- SO I TOOK THE *HIT* IN ORDER TO WIN YOUR *TRUST*!



NOW THAT EVERYONE'S WILLING TO *DEAL*, THE ONLY WORRY YOU HAVE IS THE *TRAITOR* IN YOUR GROUP!



A *TRAITOR*? IN THE *DARK LEGION*?!

BUT WHO?

"TOO SOON TO SAY FOR SURE!"

MOM!

MOM!

OVER HERE, LARA-SU!

YOU'RE CRYING, DEAR! WHAT'S WRONG?

EVERYTHING!

IT'S -- IT'S DAD!

I WENT BACK IN TIME AND I FAILED TO SAVE HIM!

I THOUGHT YOU SAID CONSTABLE REMINGTON WAS THE ONE WHO KILLED HIM, MOM --

-- BUT IT WAS REALLY *SOMEONE ELSE!*

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE, DARLING!

YOU MUST HAVE EXPERIENCED AN *ALTERNATE REALITY!*

I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES, MOM!

SAY WHAT?

YOUR FATHER KNUCKLES IS VERY MUCH *ALIVE!*

IN OUR REALITY'S HISTORY, YOUR FATHER WENT *BERSERK* UPON ABSORBING SO MUCH *CHAOS ENERGY!* THE ECHIDNA I ONCE KNEW AS KNUCKLES BECAME THE EVIL THAT IS CURRENTLY LEADING THE DARK LEGION INTO CONQUERING THE ENTIRE PLANET --

NOW THAT YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO ACCEPT WHAT YOUR FATHER HAS BECOME, YOU CAN HELP ME *STOP* HIM FROM TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE FLOATING ISLAND ONCE *AGAIN!*

-- SO I THOUGHT IT BEST TO *SHIELD* YOU FROM THE *TRUTH* AND LET YOU BELIEVE HE WAS DEAD!

BUT, AS CLIFFHANGERS GO, THAT IS A STORY FOR ANOTHER DAY. BACK IN OUR OWN REALITY, *KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA* WILL RETURN IN SONIC #114 AS *KNLUX*, *DIMITRI*, AND *LIEN-DA* DO BATTLE FOR *ULTIMATE POWER!* THIS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!